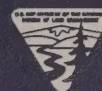


CENTER SCENE



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GCDB CONTRACT AWARDED

The Geographic Coordinate Data Base (GCDB) project has reached a milestone with the awarding of a nearly \$8 million contract to collect data. The contractor, Infotec Development, Inc., of California, will be responsible for populating the GCDB with latitude and longitude values.

The GCDB is critically important to the Bureau's evolving Land Information System (LIS). The data base will provide the foundation or framework for defining spatial relationships within the LIS; that is, different layers or tiers of data can be stacked on top of each other *and* tied to definite points on the earth's surface. The GCDB will also make possible the automated drafting of Master Title or Use Plats and land net overlays for maps.

Infotec will provide the Bureau with geographic coordinates for nine western states. Alaska is covered under a separate contract with Infotec. Oregon will collect all of their data through an in-house effort and is the designated Beta test site for the data collection software.

The data collection effort will consist of abstraction of Public Land Survey System data and other related information, raw data entry, and then the determination of latitude and longitude values by digitizing maps or using specially designed computation software.

In November 1989, Infotec will be trained and will start collecting data for 20 townships in New Mexico. Infotec will then collect data for another 80 townships and an evaluation will occur.

The Service Center has the overall lead for the GCDB project through the Branch of Geographic Coordinates (SC-326) under the leadership of Marilyn Myers-Chapman. Marilyn and her staff are busy developing guidance for the contractor, including the writing of user's guides for digitizing and computational software. The SC-326 staff will also assist in the evaluation of the contractor.

Ron Corsi, Service Center Contract

Specialist (SC-652), will be the Bureau Contracting Officer. The GCDB Project Managers in each state will serve as Contracting Officer's Representatives (CORs). Technical direction will be provided to Infotec's staff by the CORs and other State Office GCDB staff.

The GCDB data collection contract is a team effort to help make the LIS and the Target System a reality. Its success will contribute much to the Bureau's modernization efforts.

DISCOVERING CASU



Pat Hall

Though many of us have heard of CASU, few have a good understanding of what it is. CASU stands for Cooperative Administrative Support Unit, and it is part of a nationwide

program initiated by the President's Council on Management Improvement in 1986.

The reasoning behind the program was that Federal agencies have similar administrative needs, and that by centralizing some of the services to meet these needs, costs could be substantially reduced. A CASU is where these services are centralized. The primary purposes of a CASU are to reduce operating costs, improve the quality and convenience of administrative support services, and improve worker productivity and the workplace environment generally.

Each CASU is locally managed. Direction is provided by the Tenant Board of Directors, which is made up of representatives from each participating agency. The Denver CASU currently has 33 participating agencies, including some in the downtown area and some in Fort Collins. The lead agency is the Bureau of Reclamation, which provides manage-

ment and administrative support.

Pat Hall is the Director of the Denver CASU. She has been the Director since this CASU was established in May 1987, the fourth such program in the nation. According to Pat, this unit started with nine participating agencies and offered six services. Now they offer 14 services, some of which are handled in-house and some of which are contracted out. In-house services include employee benefits counseling and health fairs; warehousing, receiving, and delivery of paper products; personal property storage and disposal; files storage; and mail services. Contract services administered by CASU include labor/moving, waste paper disposal, EEO complaints investigations, the child care center, and the physical fitness/wellness center.

The Denver CASU has been extremely successful. Pat says they were the first unit in the nation to offer employee benefits counseling, to have a child care center, and to do personal property sales. Last year, they won the National CASU Award, and they are considered the most operational CASU in the nation.

For a CASU to succeed, interagency cooperation is very important. Pat says the most interesting part of CASU is the opening of communication among Federal agencies. She hopes to add agencies and increase the services CASU offers in the future.

If you would like more information, stop by the CASU Office in Building 53, Room 2005. There are many brochures and information sheets on CASU and the services it provides. Also watch for upcoming articles which highlight these services.

Open Season Health Fair

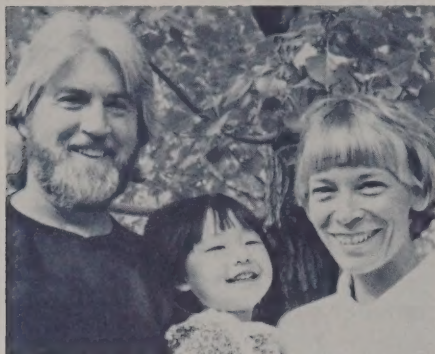
November 14-15, 1989

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BLMers ADOPT

Editor's Note: *The following article is in observance of National Adoption Week, November 19-25, 1989.*



The Fay Family

Would you open your arms and your heart to a child in need of parents? Two Service Center employees did just that. Pat Fay, of the Data Control Section, and her husband, Larrie, of BLM's Colorado State Office, adopted a Korean infant daughter, Amy Lin, in May of 1987. Rick Graham, of the Financial Management Systems Section, and his wife Emily, adopted a Caucasian infant daughter, Zoe (pronounced Zo-ee) Lynn, last August. Though each family found their child through different sources, they had many common feelings and experiences.

The Fays worked with the Friends of Children of Various Nations Agency in Denver to locate Amy through a Korean orphanage. After attending an orientation, the Fays devoted a week to participate in a mandatory home study with other adoptive parents. During the home study, the agency representatives investigated the Fays' backgrounds, characters, and beliefs. They discussed adoption issues and raised some important questions. Six months and six million papers later, the Fays drove to Stapleton Airport where they greeted an escort who was holding their 4-month-old daughter.

The Grahams' situation was unique

close friend of Rick's sister, she selected Rick and Emily to be the parents of her unborn child. The Grahams, who had been considering adoption, agreed that they wanted the infant and worked through the Hand in Hand Agency in Colorado Springs to arrange the interstate adoption. The Grahams also went through an intensive home study process and signed numerous documents over a 4-month period.

The Grahams flew to California for their child's birth in February of 1989. Two days after the birth, the Grahams received Zoe from the birth mother in a ceremony and brought her home to Denver. Because California law permits a period of 6 months in which the birth mother may reclaim her child, the Grahams had to wait until August to legally finalize Zoe's adoption.

Both couples thought the investigation was emotionally taxing. Pat confessed that the constant requirement to sign often hard-to-interpret legal documents was intimidating, but a small price to pay in retrospect. Both agreed that once your child is there, and the adoption issues fade, you're just regular parents and can go about being a family.

Pat advises those who want to adopt to get as much information as possible. When asked what has been most rewarding, Rick responds with a big smile, "Just watching her grow."

ON THE MOVE

Three familiar faces have taken on new jobs and challenges in the Branch of Procurement. Irene Clapp, Larry Keller, and Dave Cunningham have all been promoted to new positions.

Irene Clapp joined BLM in August of 1967 as a Clerk-Typist. In 1977, she went to work for the Fish and Wildlife Service as a Contract Specialist. In 1979, she joined the Bureau of Reclamation as a Business Utilization Development Specialist, and returned to BLM as a Contract Specialist in 1980. In August of this year, Irene was promoted to Chief, Specialty, Studies and Supply Section.

Larry Keller has almost 20 years of Federal service, 12 with the Bureau of Land Management. He served 7-1/2 years with the U.S. Air Force. Following his discharge, he resumed his college education at Metro State College in Denver. While attending college, Larry



*Dave Cunningham and Larry Keller
(Irene Clapp unavailable for photo)*

was selected for a cooperative education position with the Service Center, Branch of Procurement. Upon completion of his degree in Technical Management in December 1978, he was hired as a Contract Specialist in a permanent position with the SC, Branch of Procurement, Construction Section. Next Larry became a Procurement Analyst for this Branch, and his job responsibilities ranged from developing Bureau procurement policy to assisting Headquarters' staff with Administrative Procedures Reviews. Larry is now Section Chief for the Construction Section, and most recently has been heavily involved as Project Manager of ASAP (Automated System for Acquisition Processing), the Bureau's procurement automation project.

Dave Cunningham has been promoted to the position of Procurement Analyst. After graduating from the University of Colorado in 1968, Dave immediately received a commission in the U.S. Navy. He served as a pilot in Guam, and then in the Pensacola, Florida area. After 5 years of Navy flying, he worked for 3 years as a corporate and free-lance pilot before entering Government service. He spent 9 years with GSA and 7 months with the Department of Commerce before joining the BLM team 2 years ago to assist in setting up BLM's space leasing program.



Zoe Graham

in that the birth mother, a Californian, wanted to ensure an adoption of her child by a stable couple. Because the birth mother was well acquainted with the Graham family and a

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